



February 8, 2016

RE: LWD Offering New Program for Testing Your Backflow Assembly

Dear Customer:

Lakewood Water District has recently adopted a new program to benefit our customers who require annual backflow prevention assembly testing. The District has contracted with Backflows Northwest, Inc. this year to provide a coordinated testing program at a charge of \$27.00 per assembly. This charge covers the testing of your assembly and the District's administrative costs for the program.

This is a voluntary program; you can elect to continue to select and hire your own backflow tester each year, or you can sign up for our new, convenient program and have that service automatically provided for you by the District's contractor.

You will still be notified at the beginning of the month the test is normally due, and Backflows Northwest will call and make an appointment or notify you when they will be conducting the test. Only if you have an assembly located inside your home or business will it be necessary for someone to be present on site at the time of the testing. Backflows Northwest will inspect, test, and certify your backflow assembly. If simple repairs are needed, they will be included in this service, along with re-testing and certification, all for the \$27 charge. If the backflow assembly is in need of major repair, or is beyond repair, you will be notified to arrange and pay for those repairs and/or the assembly's replacement.

You will be billed on your next bi-monthly water service bill after the testing, providing convenience as well as cost savings. Enclosed you will find a form (Automatic Backflow Testing and Right of Entry Agreement) with some additional information. Please look it over, fill in the pertinent information, and return the form to the District office by March 31, 2016 so that our contractor can plan accordingly.

Again, this is a voluntary program, and you may opt in or out at any time. If you have further questions or need more information, feel free to call me at the number below or e-mail me at [wslemp@lakewood-water-dist.org](mailto:wslemp@lakewood-water-dist.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren Slemp".

Warren Slemp  
Water Quality Specialist, CCSI

Enclosure